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Call to Action Conference

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University (Indianapolis) is pleased to announce that it will host a spring "Call to Action" Conference in Indianapolis on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6 at the Holiday Inn at the Pyramids. According to Joseph L. Smith Sr., Executive Director of the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism, almost 300 AmeriCorps, Promise Fellow and VISTA members plan to attend the conference, which is focused on two, new national proposals designed by President Bush and the Corporation for National and Community Service. The new initiatives focus on faith-based organizations receiving federal dollars to provide public services and homeland security, which will include the USA Freedom Corps. Panelists and speakers will include representatives from the offices of Indiana Senator Evan Bayh and Representative Julia Carson. In addition, individuals from emergency management agencies and community and faith-based organizations will be on hand.

Unified State Plan and Oncourse

The next meeting for the Unified State Plan process will be on **Thursday, April 11th** located at the Carmel Learning Center at 515 East Main St. in Carmel, Indiana (Main St. is 131st St. – just east of Keystone) from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The lunch hour will be a joint meeting between the Commission Board and the Unified State Plan stakeholders. Please plan to attend this important discussion on the strategies for the Indiana Unified State Plan. Presently there is important information on the Oncourse website about the primary issue areas for the Unified State Plan. Please take a moment to visit the website at www.oncourse.iupui.edu and share your thoughts on the issue areas. If you have problems accessing the website, please contact Amber Roos at ICCSV or Michelle Tramm at IUPUI, her number is 317-278-3637.

ICCSV Board Meeting Rescheduled for May 9th

The ICCSV Board Meeting originally scheduled for April 11th has been postponed until May 9, 2002. The meeting will be hosted by Commissioner, Finis Springer. Location and meeting specifics will be provided in the near future. The ICCSV will invite the 21st Century Scholars program and the Northwest Indiana Literacy Corps program to participate in the board meeting and give the board members information on the programs' initiatives. We have much to discuss at the next board meeting! A formal presentation of the selection of new competitive and renewals for 2002-2003 will be provided. Please look forward to discussing the website and other marketing materials. Following the Board Meeting, the board members, staff and identified stakeholders will meet during the lunch hour to meet one another and talk about the Unified State Plan for Service. If you would like to host the July 11th board meeting or if you have any questions, please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503 or via e-mail at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

National Volunteer Week – April 21 – 27, 2002

National Volunteer Week "Celebrate the American Spirit – Volunteer!" is a time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels. "It is our hope that through National Volunteer Week we can inspire those who shared their time and talent to help heal our hearts and communities to continue volunteering. By celebrating the volunteer spirit we can show the world that helping is healing for our country and can encourage men, women, and children to help make positive change in the lives of others" (direct quote – National Volunteer Week ToolKit). If your organization is hosting a service event for this national day of service, the ICCSV would love to hear about it! Please send an agenda, event summary, and contact information to the ICCSV at 302 W. Washington Street, Room E220 – Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. To learn more about National Volunteer Week and resources available, please visit www.pointsoflight.org/.

National Youth Service Day – April 26 – 28, 2002

National Youth Service Day (NYSD) is the largest service event in the world, engaging millions of young Americans and focusing national attention on the amazing leadership of young people. National Youth Service Day is also an opportunity to recruit the next generation of volunteers while promoting the benefits of youth service to the American public. If your organization is hosting a service event for this national day of service, the ICCSV would love to hear about it! Please send an agenda, event summary, and contact information to the ICCSV at 302 W. Washington Street, Room E220 – Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. To learn more about National Youth Service Day and resources available, please visit www.ysa.org/nyzd.

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Join Hands Day

Once again, the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism will co-host Join Hands Day activities throughout the state. Join Hands Day will occur this year on Saturday, June 15. This is a national effort that connects young people and adults to do something positive for their local communities. It is an action-oriented approach, which provides an opportunity for citizens to work together across generational lines as equals. Communities in Indiana that will be conducting Join Hands Day activities are Bloomington, Crawford County, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Muncie. If your organization is interested in planning and implementing a Join Hands Day project in your city, town, or county, please contact Carey W. Craig at (317) 232-2504 or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

Indiana 2016 Celebrates Volunteers

With its inaugural issue of Building Community, Indiana 2016 celebrates a long tradition of volunteerism and community-based initiatives in Indiana. Building Community is an electronic newsletter with the mission of recognizing efforts from around the state that help to make Indiana a great place to live. Indiana 2016, which takes its name from our bicentennial in fourteen years, values the crucial role individuals play in shaping their communities today—and tomorrow. Check out our website at www.indiana2016.org or subscribe to Building Community by sending your requests via e-mail to jswenson@gov.state.in.us. If you know of an outstanding program with lots of community involvement, we'd love to hear about it

North Central Cluster Conference in Indianapolis a Huge Success

Indiana hosted the North Central Cluster Conference on March 26 – 28, 2002 in downtown Indianapolis. Aguirre International – Project TASC planned the annual cluster meeting of the 10 states in this region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, North & South Dakota, and Wisconsin). State Corporation Office Directors, State Commission Executive Directors and other staff from all states were represented. Several officials from the CNCS national office were here for the training including the Director of AmeriCorps, Rosie Mauk, who informed the cluster of updates from Washington. Tim Joyce, the Chief of Staff for Governor Frank O'Bannon welcomed the conference attendees. Next year's cluster meeting will be hosted by Wisconsin.

Learn and Serve Sub-Grants

The ICCSV no longer issues Request for Proposals (RFP) or entertains new proposals/letters of intent for youth-led community-based service-learning projects through the Learn and Serve program. The ICCSV has no plans of discontinuing the Learn and Serve program. However, the period from February to July will allow the Commission to close-out its 1995 and 1998 Learn and Serve grants and prepare its application for 2002 Learn and Serve funding. These are critical responsibilities for the ICCSV and we ask that each of you exercise patience with us during this time, so that we can better serve our communities in the future. Should you have any questions, please contact Carey Craig at (317) 232-2504 or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

Call To Action Conference	April 5 – 6, 2002
Periodic Expense Report for Period Ending March 1 st	April 10, 2002
Financial Status Report for Period of January 1 st – March 31 st	April 10, 2002
ICCSV Board Meeting	April 11, 2002
National Volunteer Week	April 21 – 27, 2002
National Youth Service Day	April 26 – 28, 2002
Promise Fellow Conference Call	May 17, 2002
National Conference on Community Volunteering & National Service	June 9 – 12, 2002
Join Hands Day	June 15, 2002